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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.51, 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information listed on attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with examination of the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such. The present application; U.S. patent applications, Serial No. 09/669,170 and Serial No. 09/675,237; and U.S. Patent No. 5,588,520 are commonly assigned.

Under 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), the following are concise explanations of the relevance of the references cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 which are not in the English language:

German reference No. 2717199 A1 discloses a vehicle transporter for delivering or receiving articles at a delivery or receiving station. The vehicle transporter includes carriers which are positioned obliquely to the direction of travel of the vehicle

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transporter.

German reference No. 4033699 C1 discloses a pair of delivery promoters which are pivotable to align with a delivery cart to receive articles at a delivery station.

France reference No. 2 450 765 discloses a conveyor assembly with carts which are movable laterally between two roller conveyors.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before Applicants are aware of any mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.


An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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